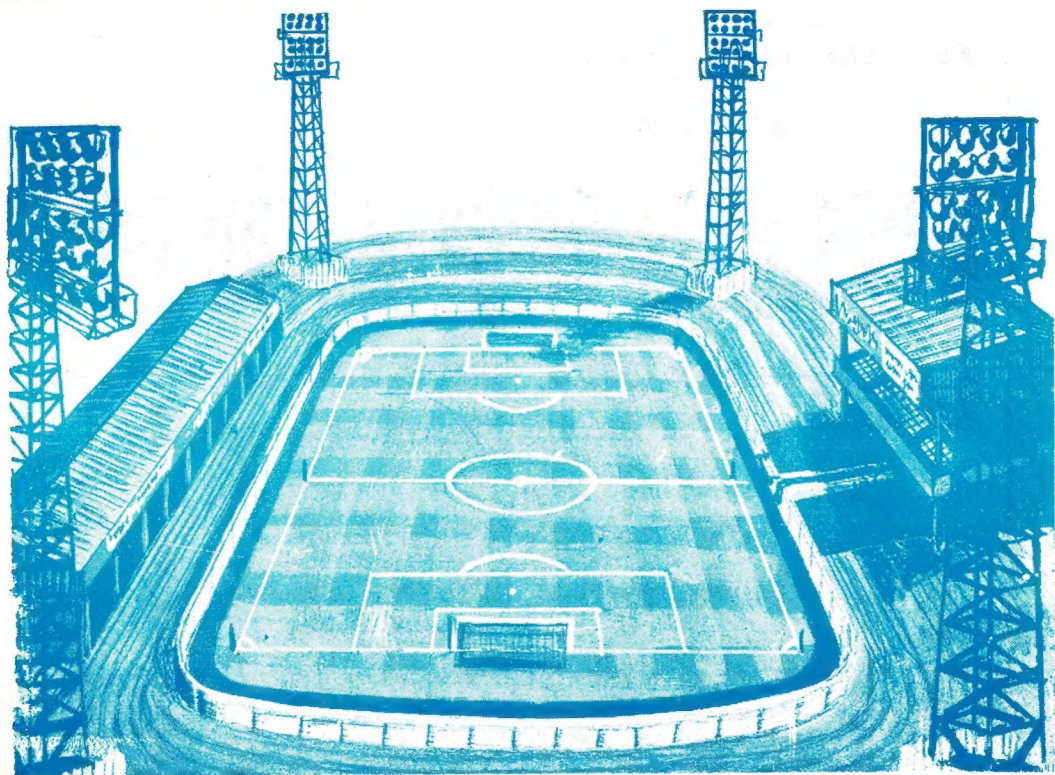


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We welcome today to Springfield Park, York City. The original date for this fixture was cancelled as York were engaged in the F.A. Cup.

The Club was founded in 1903 and for many years were members of the Northern League, then the Midland League.

They achieved their ambition when they were elected to the Football League in 1929/30.

York have always been renowned Cup fighters and in 1954/55 they created quite a sensation by reaching the semi-finals being beaten by

the eventual winners Newcastle—after a first game draw. Before bowing out they had beaten Blackpool (away), Bishop Auckland (away), Spurs (home) and Notts C. (away).

York, as everyone knows, is a beautiful city, and their ground at Bootham Crescent is quite attractive, not one of the largest, but held a 28,000 gate in 1938 when Huddersfield were the visitors.

We hope today's game will provide the same entertainment as last season's First Round F.A. Cup-tie, when Wigan won 1-0.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

WIGAN ATHLETIC v. BARNSELY

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1979 — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Tonight we give a warm welcome to Charlie Wright and his York City team. Currently in the bottom half of the league, but had a nice Cup run before losing out to Notts Forest. York will no doubt be looking for revenge after our victory over them in last year's F.A. Cup and winning by the odd goal at Bootham Crescent to give us our first away victory of this season.

To play or not to play

There has been quite a lot of talk about whether or not professional footballers should be risked on pitches which are other than perfect. There is no doubt everyone connected with the game feels the state of the pitch has a big bearing on the result of a match, and indeed at the end of the day, it is the attitude and willingness of your own players that can swing a game your way. We have recently played two games at Springfield Park, winning one and losing one, but I know that the players of Wigan Athletic proved to me

that they are ready, willing and able to perform in adverse conditions and a manager and supporters can ask no more than that, irrespective of the result of the match.

Reserves v. Oldham

Last Monday evening proved to be quite an exciting night for our young reserves when they found they were pitted against Oldham Athletic's full Second Division side. Without a game for weeks, Jimmy Frizzel took the opportunity to give his first team a run out. Although our lads were beaten 3-1, they put up an outstanding performance, and it was well into the second half before they had to give the upper hand to the Oldham 'Latics'. It did, however, prove invaluable experience for our lads even though it gave us a slight setback in our championship hopes. I am convinced the whole exercise will have done them the world of good.

Enjoy tonight's match.

IAN McNEILL.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION IV

(up to and including Saturday, 24th February, 1979)

	Home					Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	28	12	2	0	33	6	3	6	5	16	22	38
Wimbledon	25	10	1	1	26	14	5	5	2	18	25	36
Aldershot	28	9	5	1	25	11	3	7	3	16	7	36
Portsmouth	28	10	3	2	26	8	5	2	6	21	22	35
Grimsby	27	10	2	2	36	14	5	2	6	16	15	34
WIGAN ATHLETIC	27	10	0	4	23	14	4	4	5	10	12	32
Barnsley	24	6	3	2	26	14	5	5	3	15	10	30
Newport	27	6	4	4	20	19	5	3	5	18	17	29
Torquay	28	9	2	3	24	12	3	2	8	12	23	28
Bournemouth	28	7	4	5	27	15	2	5	5	7	9	27
Hereford	27	6	5	1	19	11	3	3	9	14	21	26
Hartlepool	25	5	7	2	23	17	3	3	5	9	19	26
Doncaster	28	6	4	5	18	15	4	2	7	18	28	26
Stockport	26	8	2	4	21	10	1	5	6	18	25	25
Bradford C.	25	6	2	3	19	13	5	1	8	15	28	25
Port Vale	27	4	6	4	19	19	5	1	7	19	23	25
Scunthorpe	25	7	1	4	18	17	1	5	6	9	16	22
Northampton	25	6	4	2	22	14	1	3	9	11	29	21
York	23	4	4	3	13	13	4	1	7	9	19	21
Huddersfield	25	7	4	2	18	9	0	2	10	7	20	20
Darlington	25	3	5	3	13	10	3	3	8	16	29	20
Crewe	27	3	5	6	16	23	2	5	6	9	23	20
Rochdale	25	2	3	5	7	14	1	4	9	11	26	13
Hal'fax	25	1	3	6	5	14	1	2	12	11	29	9

FOCUS ON PETER HOUGHTON

<i>Full Name :</i>	Peter Houghton.
<i>Birthplace :</i>	Liverpool.
<i>Birthdate :</i>	30th November, 1954.
<i>Height :</i>	6 ft. 0 ins.
<i>Weight :</i>	12 stone 6 lbs.
<i>Previous Clubs :</i>	Scuth Liverpool.
<i>Married :</i>	Yes. Gillian.
<i>Children :</i>	Yes. Paul (9 months)
<i>Car :</i>	Cortina.
<i>Favourite player :</i>	Kevin Keegan.
<i>Favourite other team :</i>	Everton.
<i>Most difficult opponent :</i>	All difficult.
<i>Most memorable match :</i>	Playing at Anfield (Sunday Football Final)
<i>Biggest thrill :</i>	Scoring two goals in the above match.
<i>Biggest disappointment :</i>	Losing the above match.
<i>Best country visited :</i>	Italy.
<i>Favourite food :</i>	Steak and Chips.
<i>Miscellaneous likes :</i>	Drinking (tea)
<i>Miscellaneous dislikes :</i>	Changing baby's nappies.
<i>Favourite TV shows :</i>	Sport, "Crossroads," "The Sweeney"
<i>Favourite singers :</i>	Rod Stewart, E.L.O., Blondie.
<i>Favourite actors :</i>	Peter Sellers, Clint Eastwood.
<i>Best friend:</i>	Hope to have many.
<i>Biggest influence on career :</i>	Dad.
<i>Biggest drag in soccer :</i>	Injuries.
<i>International honours :</i>	None
<i>Personal ambition :</i>	To be happy.
<i>Professional ambition :</i>	To play at Wembley.
<i>If not in football, what would you like to be :</i>	Millionaire.
<i>Which person in the world would you most like to meet :</i>	Muhammed Ali.

PEN PICTURES OF YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

GRAHAM BROWN (Goalkeeper)

Experienced goalkeeper signed last season from North American Soccer League Club Portland Timbers. Made 33 League appearances last season. Previous clubs include Mansfield Town and Doncaster Rovers.

JOE NEENAN (Goalkeeper)

A former apprentice professional with the Club, Manchester born, made 13 League appearances last season and was also a member of the England Youth team squad.

TONY YOUNG (Defender)

Signed from Charlton in September 1976. Tony is now in his third season with the Club. Previously with Manchester United with whom he won a Second Division Championship medal.

PETER SCOTT (Defender)

Joined the Club from Everton in December 1975 for a five figure fee. Made over 40 appearances in the first division for Everton. Is a current member of the N. Ireland international squad and appeared in the Home International Championship this year. Made 45 appearances for the Club last season.

PETER BAINBRIDGE (Defender)

Local born player who was signed last season. Previously an apprentice with Middlesbrough. He appeared seven times in the York City league team last season.

STEVE JAMES (Defender)

Club Captain. Signed from Man. United in Jan. 1976. Played over 100 games in the 1st and 2nd Division with United and won a second division championship winners medal during this time. Made 37 appearances last season.

ANDY CLEMENTS (Defender)

Young defender signed last season from Bolton W. Made 29 League appearances for the Club last season and quickly made a good impact with our supporters.

ROY KAY (Defender)

Very experienced player, signed in the close season from Scottish Premier League side, Glasgow Celtic. Previously with Hearts for whom he made over 30 appearances.

JIMMY WALSH (Defender)

Another experienced player, signed from Watford in the close season. Joined Watford straight from school and made over 70 appearances in his five seasons with that club.

STEVE FAULKNER (Defender)

Standing 6ft. 3ins., Steve is the tallest member of the Club staff. Signed in the close season from Sheffield United for whom he made over 30 appearances.

IAN McDONALD (Midfield)

Skilful, left-sided player signed from the Mansfield club last season. Began with his home town team Barrow before joining Workington. Signed by Liverpool £35,000 but failed to make the first team after injuring an ankle. Mansfield paid £11,000 for him before he came to Bootham Cres. Made 30 appearances last season, 3 goals.

BARRY WELLINGS (Midfield/Striker)

Young professional who is equally at home in either midfield or forward positions. Signed in the close season from Everton where he was understudy to Bob Latchford.

PETER STRONACH (Midfield)

Ex-England Schoolboy captain and was a member of the England Youth Team squad. Signed from Sunderland and made a number of appearances in the Sunderland first team.

GORDON STANFORTH (Striker)

Signed from Hull City in Jan. 1977. Leading goalscorer at the Club last season—12 goals in the League. Attracted the attention of a number of clubs. York Supporters 'Clubman of the Year' last season, 46 League appearances.

KEVIN RANDALL (Striker)

Signed from Mansfield Town last season. Previously with Bury, Chesterfield, Notts County. He has scored over 150 goals in his league career. Scored 7 last season in 29 appearances.

NEIL WARLOCK (Striker)

Much travelled striker, signed in the close season from Barnsley. Previous clubs: Chesterfield, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Scunthorpe and Aldershot. Another experienced player having made 200 League appearances.

DAVID LOGGIE (Striker)

The Clubs seventh and most costliest close season signing. A five figure fee secured his transfer from Burnley, the club he joined from school. Apprentice professional with Burnley, turned full professional in 1975. Since then he has made a number of League appearances with the Turf Moor side.

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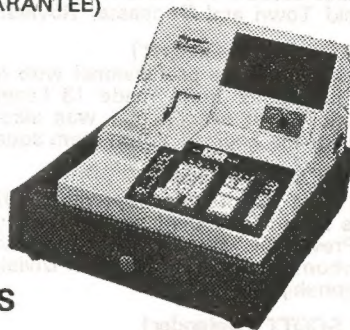
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EDITORIAL

There is becoming an acute shortage of recruits for future referees. The reason for this has been discussed at high level, and it is considered that there is far too much intimidation handed out to the Junior Referees from spectators, managers, secretaries, and even players themselves, for any youngster with the ambition to take up this onerous task of learning to become a referee.

Mr. Bob Lord, who is chairman of the Referees Committee of the Lancashire Football Association, and Mr. Jack Kelly, the 1962 Cup Final referee, are very disturbed at the attitude towards junior referees today.

Whatever job you do you have to qualify by experience, and it is sad to hear and see so much abuse at junior games throughout the country handed out to referees.

No man or woman has ever qualified at anything without making mistakes—so all you people who watch junior games both on Saturday and Sunday, please remember that providing the intimidation from off the field does not frighten them away,

then these lads are someday going to control Football League games—and possibly Internationals.

What would a game be without a referee? I venture to say there would be no football at all. I am not saying all referees are good but, as previously stated, mistakes are made in all walks of life, so please give them a chance, especially in Junior circles.

I know at least two young men who have called it a day, purely because they have been intimidated. They don't think it is worth the risk they take.

I wonder how many people know the 17 laws of the game; probably many do not know there are 17 laws. A referee has to know all these and administer them to the best of his ability. Help him to do this by encouragement not by abuse. He is a very important person on the field of play and indispensable. Have respect for him and his linesmen at all times and he will be a better referee in the future.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



We have now played four games in 1979 and this is probably a record, it is very doubtful if any other club has played so many League games during this atrocious weather.

Thankfully the elements now seem to have improved and we hope that from now to the end of the season there will be no need for any further cancellations.

An enormous amount of work has been done to enable us to play over the past two months, and we have gone to a fair amount of expense, but we feel it has all been worth-

while and we shall now labour on to get our playing surface back to normal, as our efforts to keep the game alive have obviously not improved the surface.

The Board and I were very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Edwin Lowe at the age of 96 years. Edwin was a member of the early Wigan Athletic Board of Directors and he eventually became head cashier at the turnstiles for many years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his daughters, who have incidentally, been and still are, staunch supporters of the Club.

May I extend a warm welcome to the York City chairman, his directors and team, to Springfield Park tonight, and hope we can entertain the crowd as well as they were entertained just over twelve months ago on the occasion of the F.A. Cup 1st Round tie when we emerged victors by the only goal, scored by John Wilkie.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE — DIVISION 4
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LINE-UP

Wigan Athletic	Referee : Mr. G. J. NAPTHINE (Loughborough) Linesmen : Mr. J. Cross (Accrington) Red Flag Mr. G. Jones (Wirral) Yellow Flag	York City
1 John Brown 2 Kevin Smart 3 Joe Hinnigan 4 Tommy Gore 5 Noel Ward 6 Dave Fretwell 7 Frank Corrigan 8 Jeff Wright 9 Peter Houghton 10 Alan Crompton 11 Ian Purdie 12	FOR YOUR RECORD Result : Attendance : Scorers :	1 Graham Brown 2 Roy Kay 3 Jimmy Walsh 4 David Pugh 5 Steve Faulkner 6 Andy Clements 7 Gary Ford 8 Kevin Randall 9 Barry Wellings 10 Ian McDonald 11 Gordon Staniforth 12

TODAY'S REFEREE

GILBERT J. NAPTHINE (Loughborough). Began refereeing in 1959 in Junior and Senior Leagues in Leicester. Promoted to Football Combination in 1966 and then to the Football League in 1972. Officiated in the Anglo-Scottish semi-final in 1976. Hobbies include cricket, tennis, swimming and gardening. Married with three children and is an assistant engineer. Chairman of Football Combination Referees' Association.

OPINION

by Harold Ashurst



Tonight's game against York City gives Latics the chance to record their first ever "double" in League football.

The match at Bootham Crescent back in September ended in a 1-0 win for Wigan, with Tommy Gore scoring the only goal, and the Latics performance that day was still one of the best they have turned in this season.

It brought them their first away win in the League and although they lost their next match at Portsmouth, they then started on the incredible run that has brought them to sixth in the table.

No doubt York, who put up a good

showing in the F.A. Cup this season before being beaten by Nottingham Forest, will be anxious to gain some revenge on Wigan for their last two meetings. For as well as beating them in the League back in September, Wigan also beat them 1-0 at Springfield Park last season in the first round of the F.A. Cup at the start of the run that ended with them in the position they are today.

So York have figured in Latics' plans quite substantially over the past couple of years, no doubt reluctantly on their part. If the game here is as good as the last one, then we are in for a good night's entertainment.

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HOME MATCHES IN CAPITALS

Date	Opponents	Score	Gate
1978			
Aug 19	Hertford	0-0	5,674
" 23	GRIMSBY	0-3	9,227
" 26	Reading	0-2	4,788
Sat 2	NEWPORT	2-3	5,319
" 9	Wimbledon	1-2	3,217
" 13	ROCHDALE	3-0	5,746
" 16	BRADFORD	1-3	7,080
" 23	York	1-0	3,307
" 26	Preston North End	0-1	13,962
" 30	SCUNTHORPE	1-0	4,489
Oct 7	Huddersfield	1-1	5,150
" 14	DONCASTER	1-0	5,788
" 18	HALIFAX	1-0	5,216
" 21	Barnsley	0-0	9,341
" 28	NORTHAMPTON	2-0	6,764
Nov 4	Stockport	1-0	8,257
" 10	Newport	1-2	4,143
" 18	READING	3-0	5,958
" 25	BURY (FA 1)	2-2	10,142
Dec 2	TORQUAY		
" 9	Darlington	1-1	1,933
" 16	Hamfax	2-1	2,437
" 23	Pott Vale	1-2	3,746
" 26	CREWE	1-0	7,586
" 30	ALDERSHOT	3-2	7,289
1979			
Jan 1	Hartlepool		
" 6	Rochdale		
" 13	WIMBLEDON	1-2	6,704
" 20	Bradford		
" 27	YORK		
Feb 3	PORTSMOUTH	2-0	8,289
" 10	Scunthorpe		
" 17	HUDDERSFIELD	2-1	7,420
" 24	Doncaster		
Mar 3	BARNLEY		
" 10	Northampton		
" 17	STOCKPORT		
" 24	Grimsb'y		
" 28	LIVERPOOL		
" 31	BOURNEMOUTH		
Apr 7	Torquay		
" 13	PORT VALE		
" 14	Crewe		
" 16	HARTLEPOOL		
" 21	Aldershot		
" 24			
" 28	DARLINGTON		
May 5	Bournemouth		
" 12	F.A. CUP FINAL		

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Wigan Athletic Reserves

1978

August— F-A

18—Blackpool 'A'H 2-1

25—Southport Res.H 1-1

September—

2—Everton 'A'A 2-1

9—Chester 'A'H 1-3

15—Tranmere R. Res.A 0-0

16—

23—Bradford City Res.H 5-0

30—Liverpool 'A'A 1-2

October—

7—Rochdale Res.H 2-2

14—Rochdale Res.A 0-1

21—Carlisle Utd. Res.H 2-0

27—Stockport County 'A'A 8-0

November—

11—Tranmere R. Res.H 2-2

18—Crewe Alex 'A'A 3-3

25—Manchester City 'A'A 2-1

December—

2—Blackpool 'A'H

9—Port Vale Res.H 3-1

13—Macclesfield T. Res.H 5-1

16—Chester 'A'A

26—

30—Morecambe Res.A 5-0

1979

January—

1—Oldham Ath. Res.H 1-3

6—Morecambe Res.H

13—Port Vale Res.A

20—Manchester City 'A'H

27—Macclesfield T. Res.A

February—

3—Bradford City Res.A

10—Crewe Alex Res.H 5-0

17—Manchester Utd. 'A'A 2-2

24—Oldham Ath. Res.A

March—

3—Carlisle Res.A

10—Stockport County 'A'H

17—Bolton Wanderers 'B'A

24—Bolton Wanderers 'B'H

31—Wrexham Res.A

April—

7—Manchester Utd. 'A'H

13—Southport Res.A (Fri.)

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16—

21—Liverpool 'A'H

28—

May—

5—Everton 'A'H

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